

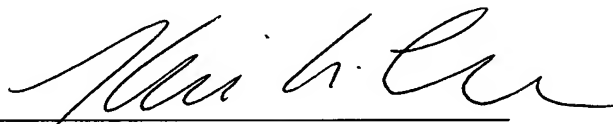
REMARKS

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled. By the present amendment, Applicant has added new claims 15-33 including independent claims 15 and 26. Applicant respectfully requests examination of the claims.

It is believed that no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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